MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) 47,575 registered looms.

(*b*) 716 and 285 registered looms respectively.

(*c*) The supply is made on the basis of the number of looms and in proportion to the stock received.

Handlooms.

347. ✱ MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of handlooms in existence as per the census taken in 1120; and

(*b*) the number of handlooms actually registered in 1120?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) 47,575.

(*b*) 47,575—registration effected only in 1121.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know from the honourable member whether it has come to the notice of Government that some looms have not been able to work throughout the week?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: I have already answered the question.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member whether notices were issued to the handlooms which were registered from the taluk authorities?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Honourable member has brought this to my notice and the matter is being dealt with.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether Government propose to press for more yarn with the Government of India?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: We have been pressing and they have refused to give us any more yarn.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartigapalli*): Is the honourable member aware that representations to the effect that handlooms which have been working in Kanjirapalli have not been registered?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: All these matters will be looked into as separate individual cases on their own merits, not by the issue of a general notification.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I take it then that they will be given a chance?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Certainly.

Control of handloom products.

348. ✱ MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have considered the necessity of introducing measures to control the price of handloom products; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the steps taken in that direction?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A sub-committee of the Central Textile Advisory Committee has been constituted to go into the question and report on the matter.

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